FRAUD Investigation Report

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Fraud Investigation Report Summary July – September 2006

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet website at http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research.

- DPA 266 Fraud Investigation Activity Report
 July, August and September 2006
 NOTE: Prior data was used for El Dorado (8/06 for 9/06), Sacramento (7/06 for 8/06 and 9/06),
 Shasta (8/06 for 9/06), Siskiyou (7/06 for 8/06 and 9/06) as that data was not yet available.
- CA 237 CW CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report July, August and September 2006
- DFA 256 Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report July, August and September 2006

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights July - September 2006

Investigation Requests

- 35,003 requests for investigation were received by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 11,668 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.49% of the 468,005 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during July September 2006).
- 33,987 investigation requests were accepted for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 35,003 investigation requests received.
 - > 23,621 (69%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - **5,377** (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 3,452 (10%) were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ 1,537 (5%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- 89,755 investigations were available during the quarter.
 - ▶ 55,768 (62%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - > 33,987 (38%) of the available investigations were accepted for investigation during the guarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 33,887 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 38% of the 89,755 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 11,160 (33%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - > 22,727 (67%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 33,887 completed investigations, the results included:
 - **6,206** (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - > 2,066 (6%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 1,750 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,395 (4%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 518 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - **46** (.14%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 41 (.12%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the **33,887** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 2,792 referrals were available to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 2,170 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 622 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 2,792 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - > 500 prosecutions were filed. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 500 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - 499 convictions were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- **\$3,480,958 fraud overpayments** were identified during the guarter.
- **\$4,107,455 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 2006

Investigation Requests

- 51,652 requests for investigation were received by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 17,217 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.13% of the 807,873 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during July September 2006).
- **50,104** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97**% of the **51,652** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 31,636 (63%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 10,495 (21%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported
 - resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 4,707 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
 - 3,266 (7%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- 156,498 investigations were available during the quarter.
 - ▶ 106,394 (68%) of the available investigations were pending at the beginning of the guarter.
 - > 50,104 (32%) of the available investigations were accepted for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **53,549** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **34**% of the **156,498** total investigations available.
 - ▶ 16,256 (30%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - > 37,293 (70%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 53,549 completed investigations, the results included:
 - **8,318** (**16**%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,244 (6%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **2,437** (5%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - > 2,373 (4%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 651 (1%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - > 59 (.11%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - 50 (.09%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the **53,549** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,709 referrals were available to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,894** (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - **815** (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,709 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - **602 prosecutions** were filed. This is **16**% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 602 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - > 521 convictions were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$2,544,842 fraud overissuances were identified during the quarter.
- **\$1,954,153 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units

July - September 2006

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	21	9	2
Alameda			→	+
Alpine	✓		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Amador	•		✓	
Butte		V		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		~		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		~		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		→		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		1
Kings	✓			<u> </u>
Lake				Y
Lassen				Y
Los Angeles			→	1
Madera	4	✓		
Marin	V			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino Merced	✓	. 4		
Modoc		Y		
Mono		<u> </u>		
Monterey		•	→	
Napa	→		<u> </u>	
Nevada	-			
Orange	V	✓		
Placer	V	-		
Plumas	V			
Riverside	V			
Sacramento	· ·			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	V			
San Diego		V		
San Francisco			→	
San Joaquin		~		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓		-	
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		Y		
Santa Cruz	✓			1
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		1
Solano	✓			<u> </u>
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			1
Sutter		. 4	✓	1
Tehama		✓		1
Trinity	✓	. 4		1
Tulare		→		+
Tuolumne Ventura	✓	.4		+
Yolo		→	✓	+
Yuba	.4		▼	+
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CalWORKs Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July - September 2006

				ptember 2006	Evidonos	to Support an	Investigations
County	CalWORKs	Investigation	n Requests	Investigations		on of Fraud	Pending End of
,	Caseload ^{a/}	Received	Accepted	Completed	Sufficient	Not Sufficient	Quarter ^{b/}
Statewide	468,005	35,003	33,987	33,887	11,160	22,727	56,048
Alameda	19,605	618	618	442	240	202	
Alpine	8	0	0	0	0	0	
Amador	267	29	29	29	6	23	62
Butte	3,751	400	388	309	103	206	
Calaveras	395	187	187	187	63	124	
Colusa	187	9	9	14	4	10	
Contra Costa	8,996	251	223	201	132	69	
Del Norte	882	26	26	4	2	2	
El Dorado	1,012	38	38	43	27	16	
Fresno	23,892	156	156	116	80	36	
Glenn	475	200	200	180	61	119	
Humboldt	1,856	208	208	186	43	143	
Imperial	3,838	109	109	90	45	45	
	152	4	4	0	0	0	
Inyo Kern	16,950	941	931	872	471	401	
		612	612	594	193	401	
Kings	2,581 1.100	58	58		31	26	286 89
Lake	,			57			
Lassen	511	49	49	47	10	37	
Los Angeles	152,073	5,124	4,669	7,128	1,912	5,216	
Madera	2,852	411	411	388	50	338	
Marin	978	47	47	44	17	27	413
Mariposa	171	10	10	2	2	0	
Mendocino	1,452	83	81	62	31	31	
Merced	7,141	242	234	259	127	132	
Modoc	173	4	4	2	2	0	<u> </u>
Mono	27	0	0	0	0	0	
Monterey	4,089	467	452	217	47	170	
Napa	563	37	37	47	16	31	
Nevada	502	11	5	4	2	2	
Orange	16,059	2,023	2,021	1,919	1,158	761	
Placer	1,545	34	34	13	7	6	186
Plumas	146	14	14	16	14	2	3
Riverside	19,991	6,745	6,719	6,622	406	6,216	
Sacramento	28,685	2,244	2,175	2,022	1,071	951	804
San Benito	668	21	21	23	15	8	
San Bernardino	31,054	3,712	3,712	2,665	1,222	1,443	1,725
San Diego	23,333	4,327	4,218	3,710	989	2,721	1,528
San Francisco	4,941	98	98	310	309	1	2,475
San Joaquin	14,168	167	166	191	99	92	124
San Luis Obispo	1,669	124	124	65	26	39	185
San Mateo	2,324	276	276	7	7	0	
Santa Barbara	4,036	113	113	141	75		
Santa Clara	14,777	386	347	292	146	146	
Santa Cruz	2,048	374	369	529	102	427	
Shasta	3,152	442	256	211	127	84	
Sierra	36	0	0	0	0	0	
Siskiyou	813	225	225	141	111	30	
Solano	5,088	618	613	568	193	375	
Sonoma	2,807	176	176	108	49	59	257
Stanislaus	9,290	910	888	1,226	667	559	
Sutter	1,246	169	169	158	82	76	
Tehama	1,179	136	136	105	18	87	60
Trinity	207	20	20	18	0	18	
Tulare	11,954	196	196	128	29	99	
Tuolumne	550	50	34	44	25	19	
		245	245	324		214	
Ventura	6,229				110		
Yolo	1,840	109	109	98	40	58	636
Yuba	1,694	718	718	709	346	363	40

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding. Prior data was used for Contra Costa County (7/06 for 8/06 and 9/06).

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2006 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 2006 Item 4 was 55,768.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July - September 2006

County	Early Fraud Prevention/	Income and Eligibility	Family (Household)	Other Unreported	Residence	Unreported Resources/	Other ^{a/}
County	Detection	Verification System	Composition	Income		Assets	Other
Statewide	23,621	1,537	3,452	1,022	1,008	343	3,004
Alameda	423	115	24	12	10	4	30
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	8	3	6	1	11
Butte	67	4	111	29	17	6	154
Calaveras	158	1	6	3	7	1	11
Colusa	0	0	3	3	2	0	1
Contra Costa	160	41	4	17	0	0	1
Del Norte	0	2	14	5	1	0	4
El Dorado	10	5	4	3	5	0	11
Fresno	25	6	80	34	9	0	2
Glenn	80	5	29	24	19	2	41
Humboldt	26	0	33	21	2	103	23
Imperial	20	0	25	11	48	1	4
Inyo	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	313	45	283	94	88	21	87
Kings	465	0	80	25	23	2	17
Lake	403	0	29	7	5	0	17
	35	0	9	0	1	2	2
Lassen							1,000
Los Angeles	3,328	211	90	26	0	14	
Madera	359	5	24	12	3	0	8
Marin	/	18	6	1	2	1	12
Mariposa	0	0	5	1	1	1	2 3 76
Mendocino	6	23	29	12	4	4	3
Merced	54	15	45	27	16	1	76
Modoc	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	143	45	32	12	86	10	124
Napa	3	0	11	8	2	1	12
Nevada	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Orange	1,831	3	31	50	6	8	92
Placer	0	0	15	2	9	3	5
Plumas	8	0	5	0	1	0	0
Riverside	6,099	58	287	73	18	43	141
Sacramento	1,404	534	93	21	42	0	81
San Benito	0	3	5	7	0	0	6
San Bernardino	1,755	44	1,027	139	239	5	503
San Diego	4,111	13	23	10	5	1	55
San Francisco	91	0	0	0	0	0	7
San Joaquin	100	0	33	4	5	4	
San Luis Obispo	22	2	43	12	4	2	20 39
San Mateo	140	0	73	35	10	1	
Santa Barbara	35	6	32	6	5	1	28
	227	36	57	14		2	5
Santa Clara			9	12	6	0	13
Santa Cruz	334	1		12	0		13
Shasta	160	0	54	20	5	6	11
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	63	0	45	9	3	81	24
Solano	387	75	48	30	47	0	26
Sonoma	18	74	45	14	0	0	25 62
Stanislaus	209	100	299	34	178	6	62
Sutter	111	0	18	29	8	1	2 39
Tehama	35	1	42	13	6	0	39
Trinity	2	0	7	0	4	1	l 6
Tulare	0	10	109	45	12	0	20 10
Tuolumne	17	0	7	0	0	0	10
Ventura	189	24	6	5	0	0	21
Yolo	36	8	25	10	2	1	21 27 71
Yuba	545	3	27	36	34	2	71

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July - September 2006

New Year State S		Early Fraud	Refe	erred for		Benefits	Fraud Found,	
Prosecution Discontinuances Prosecution Discontinuances Prosecution Discontinuances Prosecution Discontinuances Prosecution Discontinuances Prosecution Prosecut	Country	(Denials/Benefits		Administrative	Restitution	Reduced or	No Adverse	Expiration
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Alpine								1
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Colusa	Butte	74	6	0	6	24		4
Contra Costa	Calaveras	49	0	0	3	10	1	0
Del Norte	Colusa		1	0		2	1	0
El Dorado		20			22			0
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a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4 California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY July - September 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	622	2,792	500	97
Alameda	9	422	5	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	8	17	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2	2	1	0
Contra Costa	2	16	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	10	0	0
Fresno	29	134	17	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0
Humboldt	0	2	0	0
Imperial	0	47	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	35	80	29	3
Kings	21	24	3	0
Lake	0	11	3	1
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	114	458	102	8
Madera	2	2	2	0
Marin	0	4	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	6	0	0
Merced	6	50	1	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	15	66	10	1
Napa	1	11	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	22	66	19	4
Placer	0	43	0	0
Plumas	0	1	0	0
Riverside	33	44	26	0
Sacramento	18	414	24	0
San Benito	0	6	0	0
San Bernardino	22	24	12	3
San Diego	12	20	17	3
San Francisco	0	97	97	0
San Joaquin	13	107	17	0
San Luis Obispo	124	250	0	65
San Mateo	6	6	6	0
Santa Barbara	15	15	8	7
Santa Clara	16	34	9	1
Santa Cruz	6	7	7	0
Shasta	8	11	9	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	9	15	0	0
Solano	1	146	0	0
Sonoma	1	8	5	0
Stanislaus	30	31	31	0
Sutter	2	2	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	8	8	8	0
Tuolumne	5	10	3	0
Ventura	12	38	11	0
Yolo	10	10	10	0
Yuba	3	13	4	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 July 2006 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2006's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5 California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/} July - September 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	499	7	11	93	141	1	59	0
Alameda	15	0	0	0	26	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	2	0		0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Fresno	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ŏ
Humboldt	2	0	0	0	1	0		0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	Ö	Ö	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	ő		0	Ö
Kern	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings				7				0
Lake	0	0	0		0			
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	143	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Madera	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0			0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	64	0	0	0	34	0	55	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	10	24	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	14	3	0	11	1	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	33	0	0	33	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	10	0	0	0	3	Ö	Ö	Ŏ
San Diego	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	Ö	Ö	0	Ö
San Joaquin	21	2	0	0	Ĭ	ő	0	ŏ
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	Ö		Ö	Ö
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Santa Barbara Santa Clara	16	0	0	0		0	0	0
Santa Ciara Santa Cruz	0		0	0				
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Shasta		0	0	0			0	0
Sierra	0			0				
Siskiyou			0					
Solano	0	0	0	0				0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0			0	
Stanislaus	13	0	0	17	25	0	0	0
Sutter	0		0	1				0
Tehama	0	0	0	0				
Trinity	0	0	0	0				0
Tulare	6	0	0	5			0	
Tuolumne	4	0	0	0				0
Ventura	3	0	0	0			0	0
Yolo	10		0					
Yuba	0		2			0		

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July - September 2006

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,480,958	\$4,107,455
Alameda	106,188	263,348
Alpine	0	0
Amador	232	0
Butte	13,704	18,008
Calaveras	6,216	1,602
Colusa	0	350
Contra Costa	41,161	48,063
Del Norte	7,971	4,477
El Dorado	18,052	30.771
Fresno	139,292	158,505
Glenn	9,980	4,092
Humboldt	0	4,814
Imperial	Ö	0
Inyo	ŏ	7,590
Kern	199,103	107,003
Kings	20,212	45,400
Lake	3,342	1,509
Lassen	12,331	1,546
Los Angeles	1,214,928	1,685,196
Madera	6,909	10,806
Marin	4,554	12,633
Mariposa	245	688
Mendocino	19,482	16,419
Merced	41,262	31,182
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	23,307	45,752
Napa	3,863	5,361
Nevada	0	2,127
Orange	102,022	123,636
Placer	1,290	15,970
Plumas	359	1,847
Riverside	170,588	417,132
Sacramento	218,001	118,041
San Benito	8,734	25,348
San Bernardino	145,997	71,702
San Diego	89,848	53,382
San Francisco	108,829	62,342
San Joaquin	161,327	45,000
San Luis Obispo	5,180	5,045
San Mateo	99,673	10,740
Santa Barbara	84,736	36,256
Santa Clara	84,565	179,071
Santa Cruz	37,548	2,056
Shasta	30,710	11,676
Sierra	30,710	318
Siskiyou	6,300	6,411
Solano	8,031	106,485
Sonoma	43,128	41,904
Stanislaus	79,066	134,916
Sutter	3,860	20,750
Tehama	0	1,370
Trinity	0	2,660
Tulare	55,255	2,000 10,845
Tuolumne	9,663	5,021
Ventura	2,892	<u>5,021</u> 41,245
Yolo	16,283	41,245
Yuba	14,739	7,705
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TABLE 7 Food Stamp Program FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS July - September 2006

	1	3(ıly - Septemi	JU 2000	Fyidence	to Support	
		Investigatio	n Poguasta			ation of	Investigations
0	Participating	investigatio	n Requests	Investigations	-	•	Pending End
County	Households ^{a/}			Completed	Fra	ud	-
	riouseriolus	Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	of Quarter ^{b/}
Statewide	807,873	51,652	50,104	53,549	16,256	37,293	104,049
Alameda	32,726	1,250	1,250	1,058	486	572	1,368
Alpine	37	4	2	0	0	0	2
Amador	525	47	47	56	11	45	68
Butte	7,426	472	459	356	130	226	514
Calaveras	783	486	486	486	143	343	0
Colusa	452	14	14	17	4	13	7
Contra Costa	8,739	342	308	278	169	109	271
Del Norte	1,754	52	52	7	3	4	116
El Dorado	1,936	62	62	98	48	50	388
Fresno	41,100	181	181	144	105	39	1,200
Glenn	830	344	344	296	104	192	414
Humboldt	5,013	269	269	247	75	172	176
Imperial	6,169	110	110	90	45	45	744
Inyo	454	4 440	4 407	1 200	0	0	81
Kern	27,888	1,419 816	1,407	1,280 793	824 247	456 546	808
Kings	5,375		816		60	55	357
Lake	2,237 825	117 132	117 132	115 122	20	102	132 30
Lassen Los Angeles	275,821	9,933	9.142	14,150	2,968	11,182	66,922
Madera	5,390	628	628	626	2,900	546	203
Marin	2,537	101	101	105	37	68	991
Mariposa	371	19	19	6	4	2	63
Mendocino	3,591	203	199	109	41	68	1,493
Merced	10,694	406	397	423	228	195	725
Modoc	296	17	17	5	3	2	25
Mono	109	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	6,947	668	651	371	73	298	501
Napa	1,180	86	86	92	36	56	291
Nevada	1,100	20	13	12	10	2	89
Orange	30,872	2,799	2,797	2,682	1,529	1,153	935
Placer	2,628	36	36	14	8	6	214
Plumas	252	35	35	37	24	13	13
Riverside	28,728	11,581	11,549	11,311	728	10,583	2,557
Sacramento	43,702	1,761	1,698	2,055	1,122	933	2,101
San Benito	1,244	34	34	35	23	12	38
San Bernardino	47,708	3,240	3,240	3,226	1,407	1,819	899
San Diego	31,246	4,015	3,895	3,417	950	2,467	1,639
San Francisco	19,860	225	225	689	687	2	5,525
San Joaquin	19,940	189	188	210	105	105	138
San Luis Obispo	3,357	191	191	124	63	61	225
San Mateo	3,714	519	519	10	10	0	4,245
Santa Barbara	7,707	280	280	316	147	169	115
Santa Clara	25,752 4,964	895	856 1,014	790	298	492	452 60
Santa Cruz		1,019		1,035	185	850	
Shasta Sierra	5,803 74	801 0	459 0	358 0	198 0	160 0	277 0
Siskiyou	1,644	720	720	471	315	156	181
Solano	8,228	743	736	665	259	406	1,263
Sonoma	6,414	480	480	402	174	228	690
Stanislaus	15,307	1,394	1,368	1,905	1,106	799	2,337
Sutter	2,242	317	317	303	1,100	155	2,337
Tehama	2,242	134	134	105	18	87	56
Trinity	428	41	41	41	0	41	88
Tulare	22,065	205	205	131	30	101	568
Tuolumne	1,246	88	66	82	54	28	27
Ventura	11,707	257	257	346	115	231	342
		175	175	182	65	117	949
Yolo	3,597	17:01	17.3		(3:3	111	949

a/ Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding. Prior data used for Fresno (6/06 used for 7/06, 8/06, 9/06), Orange (2/06 used for 7/06, 8/06, 9/06); San Diego (6/06 used for 7/06, 8/06, 9/06), and Santa Cruz (8/06 used for 7/06).

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2006 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 July 2006 Item 4 was 106,394.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July - September 2006

	•		July - Septembe	1 2000			•
County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	31,636	3,266	4,707	1,543	1,514	626	6,812
Alameda	478	117	24	13	12	5	601
Alpine	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	8	6	6		24
Butte	85	4	116	46	19	8	181
Calaveras	440	2	11	5	8		11
Colusa	0	0	5	4	2	0	3
Contra Costa	198	75	10	21	1	1	2
Del Norte	6	7 7	15	11	2	1	10
El Dorado	16	13	6	3	9	0	15
Fresno	30	9	94	35	12	0	13
	141	15	35		35	3	69
Glenn Humboldt				46		112	58
	27	0	46	24	2		50
Imperial	20	0	25	11	48		5
Inyo	3	•	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	555	83	349	131	139	32	118
Kings	640	0	87	33	32	2	22
Lake	15	2	45	9	13	1	32
Lassen	117	0	10	0	1	2	2
Los Angeles	5,053	1,185	132	252	0	14	2,506
Madera	546	18	30	17	4	0	13
Marin	11	27	7	2	5		48
Mariposa	0	0	9	3	3	1	3
Mendocino	9	70	83	15	4		14
Merced	84	21	55	34	27	2	174
Modoc	0	2	5	4	4	1	1
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	160	63	41	12	103	7	265
Napa	9	0	15	10	4	3	45
Nevada	6	0	3	1	3	0	0
Orange	2,561	8	35	52	9	10	122
Placer	, 0	0	15	3	9		6
Plumas	27	0	7	0	1	0	0
Riverside	10,418	101	641	85	20	40	244
Sacramento	789	672	93	21	42	0	81
San Benito	0	5	6	7	0	4	12
San Bernardino	1	58	1,428	203	330	5	1,215
San Diego	3,825	20	27	9	7	1	6
San Francisco	171	0	0	0	0	0	54
San Joaquin	108	0	36	6	7	5	26
San Luis Obispo	33	5	48	22	26		54
San Mateo	264	0	93	45	42		74
Santa Barbara	170	10	39	11	7	1	42
Santa Clara	727	38	59	17	5		8
Santa Cruz	945	7	13	7	0		42
Shasta	310	0	88	25	8		18
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0		0
Siskiyou	291	0	63	15	21		15
	422	104	49	34	85		41
Solano		237	49 47		85		162
Sonoma	20			14			
Stanislaus	276	217	405	49	278		136
Sutter	229	0	20	46	16		4
Tehama	35	1	42	13	6		37
Trinity	9	0	9	0	9	1	13
Tulare	0	11	110	48	12		24
Tuolumne	34	0	8	1	1		22
Ventura	188	36	4	5	0		24
				40	2		
Yolo Yuba	90 1,044	9 11	29 27	13 44	3 72	1	30 77

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9 Food Stamp Program INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/} July - September 2006

	Т	Defe	erred for	1			
County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing	Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	=	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	8,318	651	59	2,437	3,244	2,373	50
Alameda	465	11	2	4	0	7	4
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	2	0	0	12	24	0
Butte	113 127	7	0	2	27	11	4
Calaveras Colusa	127	0	0	3	11 2	2	0
Contra Costa	26	3	0	35	0	0	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	2	0	5	24	21	0
Fresno	15	36	27	2	26	0	2
Glenn	20	1	0	0	36	47	0
Humboldt	31	0	0	10	31	12	0
Imperial	8	0	0	3	13	2	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	392	44	0	127	231	37	0
Kings	138	25	0	10	46	28	5
Lake	21	0	0	8	22	11	0
Lassen	22	4	0	0	8	1	0
Los Angeles	1,562	153	0	856	37	972	0
Madera	9	2	0	14	53	2	0
Marin	9	0	0	7	10	11	0
Mariposa	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mendocino	4	1	0	25	0	11	12
Merced	43	13	5 0	4	160	5	0
Modoc Mono	0	0	0	0	3 0	0	0
Monterey	117	16	0	3	38	2	0
Napa	10	10	0	7	8	11	0
Nevada	7	0	0	0	3	0	0
Orange	949	29	0	105	437	115	2
Placer	2	0	0	1	4	1	0
Plumas	10	0	0	1	6	7	0
Riverside	485	52	0	168	7	16	0
Sacramento	786	21	0	129	180	6	6
San Benito	4	0	0	8	11	2	0
San Bernardino	406	29	0	134	826	31	0
San Diego	783	13	0	39	0	128	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Joaquin	55	12	0	0	20 39	18	0
San Luis Obispo	22	4	0		39	8 23	0
San Mateo Santa Barbara	103 47	8 21	0	64 55	71 43	23 16	0
Santa Clara	138	16	0		7	119	4
Santa Cruz	146		0		25	0	0
Shasta	103	16	0		25	47	9
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	87	0	0	12	57	162	0
Solano	133	1	0		78	26	2
Sonoma	4	1	0	75	29	121	0
Stanislaus	214	31	25	401	493	241	0
Sutter	85	6	0	13	15	30	0
Tehama	9		0	0	4	2	0
Trinity	6		0		4	0	0
Tulare	0	9	0		10	10	0
Tuolumne	11	12	0		5	5	0
Ventura	101	14	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	38				0	5	0
Yuba	449	7	0	17	46	15	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10 Food Stamp Program DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY July - September 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	815	3,709	602	169
Alameda	11	326	7	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	8	18	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2	2	1	0
Contra Costa	2	13	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	10	0	0
Fresno	36	96	19	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0
Humboldt	0	2	0	0
Imperial	0	48	0	0
	0		0	
Inyo	-	0		0
Kern	43	96	35	4
Kings	25	29	2	1
Lake	0	14	3	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	153	1,230	98	8
Madera	2	2	2	0
Marin	0	5	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	6	0	0
Merced	13	68	1	1
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	16	72	12	1
Napa	1	13	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	30	71	23	4
Placer	0	52	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	42	58	35	0
Sacramento	21	330	33	0
San Benito	0	10	0	0
San Bernardino	29	31	15	3
				8
San Diego	13 0	73 143	16 143	
San Francisco	12			0
San Joaquin		141	15	0
San Luis Obispo	192	350	4	121
San Mateo	8	10	8	0
Santa Barbara	21	21	11	10
Santa Clara	16	41 3	11 3	1
Santa Cruz	3	3	<u>3</u>	0
Shasta	16	23	17	4 0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	9	15	0	0
Solano	1	142	0	0
Sonoma	1	8	5	0
Stanislaus	31	32	31	1
Sutter	2	2	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	9	9	9	0
Tuolumne	12	20	4	0
Ventura	14	34	15	1
Yolo	16	16	16	0
	10	15	4	U

a/ Data is from DPA 266 July 2006 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2006's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11 Food Stamp Program PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/} July - September 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	521	5	24	95	137	1	85	0
Alameda	17	0	0	0	26	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Kings	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Los Angeles	135	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Madera	1	0	6	0	1	0	0	
Marin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	81	0	0	0	45	0	73	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	8	24	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Nevada Orange	15	2	0	13	0	0	0	
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	42	0	0		2	0		
Sacramento	3	0	0		0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
San Bernardino	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	37	0	0	0	1	0	Ö	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	Ö	0		
San Joaquin	17	1	0	1	2	0	2	Ö
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0		1	0	0	
San Mateo	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara		0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	2 18	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0			0	0	0
Shasta	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0		0	0		
Siskiyou	0	0	0			0	0	0
Solano	0	0	0			0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0			0		0
Stanislaus	9	0	0			0	0	
Sutter	0	0	0		0	0		
Tehama	0	0	0			0	0	
Trinity	0	0	0			0	0	0
Tulare	6	0	0			0		
Tuolumne	4	0	0			0		0
Ventura	5	0	0		0	1	1	
Yolo	13	0	0			0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12 Food Stamp Program FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS July - September 2006

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$2,544,842	\$1,954,153
Alameda	59,495	54,798
Alpine	0	0
Amador	177	2,071
Butte	26,279	12,860
Calaveras	5,350	754
Colusa	0,000	1,176
Contra Costa	27,391	13,255
Del Norte	8,540	5,909
El Dorado	15,066	15,662
Fresno	120,380	132,891
Glenn	10,431	4,389
Humboldt	0	4,918
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	184,933	76,069
Kings	16,036	43,542
Lake	698	1,903
Lassen	3,710	397
	497,873	197,784
Los Angeles		197,704
Madera	15,002	
Marin	2,972	12,172 876
Mariposa	6,448	
Mendocino	23,727	13,706
Merced	26,697	45,151
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	27,881	23,512
Napa	4,949	11,637
Nevada	0	1,058
Orange	67,304	70,659
Placer	66	7,454
Plumas	511	1,107
Riverside	189,059	493,965
Sacramento	200,496	31,269
San Benito	8,847	6,598
San Bernardino	147,674	50,422
San Diego	60,457	11,507
San Francisco	127,909	68,159
San Joaquin	41,443	21,099
San Luis Obispo	12,040	1,362
San Mateo	76,873	5,551
Santa Barbara	53,495	73,800
Santa Clara	103,785	102,668
Santa Cruz	28,824	1,335
Shasta	34,895	8,949
Sierra	1,139	151
Siskiyou	5,100	4,011
Solano	7,132	54,796
Sonoma	48,492	18,427
Stanislaus	130,845	144,805
Sutter	7,798	5,116
Tehama	0	839
Trinity	0	623
Tulare	35,938	27,031
Tuolumne	23,752	7,096
Ventura	24,999	3,697
Yolo	10,147	39,175
Yuba	11,787	4,281



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